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ABSTRACT

International governmental organizations (IGOs) are constantly expanding their work and influence, yet their publications are among the most difficult documents for libraries to acquire, organize, and use. This authoritative reference work examines the documentation, publications, and computerized information services of such major IGOs as the United Nations, the European Union, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the League of Nations, the International Development Research Centre, and the G7. In this revised edition, special attention has been given to the consequences of recent institutional restructuring and retrenchment. The book is organized into three parts: "Institutions," "Resources," and "Processes." Individual chapters discuss the organizational and functional characteristics of IGOs; examine resources available through their organizations, including documents now available through electronic sources; and explore the role of the private sector and institutions outside the IGOs in providing access to IGO information. The book also discusses collection development and reference and information work. A consolidated bibliography and index completes the book. (AEF)

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